GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF OIL FROM MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to look for oil imports from new sources like Malaysia and Indonesia;

(b) if so, whether any preliminary work has been done in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), a canalasing agency for import of crude oil for public sector oil refineries has been importing crude oil from Malaysia on a terms contract basis. Petroleum products were also sourced from Malaysia through tender system. While petroleum products were sourced occasionally from Indonesia through tendering system, Indonesian crude oils have not been imported so far by IOC. IOC made efforts to source trial cargoes of Indonesian crude oil. However, due to non-availability of crude oil with Indonesian companies, it has not been possible to procure the same so far.